Funds allocated under PMRY in Karnataka

*404. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated to Karnataka State under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana for the year 1999-2000 onwards, year-wise;

(b) the amount utilized and unutilized out of the above allocations; and

(c) the reasons of non-utilisation of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, the Central Government releases funds both for Subsidy as well as for the Training, Entrepreneurial Development and contingency etc. While the funds for subsidy are authorized to the Reserve Bank of India for passing on to the individual beneficiaries through the implementing banks, the funds for Training, Entrepreneurial Development Contingency etc. are released directly to the State Governments. The year-wise details of funds released to, utilized and unutilized in Karnataka State under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana from 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 as on 14-08-2003 are at Statement (*See* below). The PMRY is an on going scheme and the surplus/deficit is adjusted in the subsequent releases.

(c) Under the Scheme, the funds to a State is released as per the laid down norms of the Scheme as well as the progress of implementation of the Scheme and surplus/deficit if any is adjusted in the subsequent releases to the State.

Statement

The details of funds released, utilized and unutilized under PMRY in the Karnataka State for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 (as on 14-08-2003)

(Amount Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Year	Funds Released	Total funds available	Funds Utilized	Balance
1.	Carry over from the release from 1993-94 to 1998-1999	662.71	662.71	659.57	3.13

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2.	1999-2000	138.60	138.60+3.13	115.52	26.21
3.	2000-2001	134.19	134.19+26.21	165.10	—4.69
4.	2001-2002	121.27	121.27—4.69	107.95	8.62
5.	2002-2003	49.75	49.75+8.62	Utilisation Certificate awaited	
6.	2003-2004	148.93	8.62+49.75 +148.93	Utilisation Certificate awaited	

Note:—The Surplus/deficit of the previous years is adjusted in the releases of the subsequent years.

Joint working groups on terrorism

*405. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have set up joint working groups on terrorism; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) During the visit of His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, to India from 3—5 December 2002, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in Combating Terrorism. This MoU was signed on 4 December 2002. The MoU provides for cooperation between the two countries on exchange of information on terrorist groups and about possible terrorist acts, also for cooperation directed towards prevention and investigation of Terrorist Acts. Under this MoU, the two countries have set up a Joint Working Group on Combating International Terrorism. The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation are the nodal Ministries of this Working Group. The Joint Working Group includes representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs and other concerned agencies. The first meeting of the Group is scheduled to be held later this year.